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TO: County/Tribal Veterans Service Offices

Subject: Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit

The Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit is equal to the amount of property taxes paid by an eligible veteran or eligible un-remarried surviving spouse during the year on their principal dwelling in Wisconsin. The credit is claimed on the Wisconsin income tax return and may be used to reduce income tax payable. The credit amount more than income tax payable is paid to the veteran or their un-remarried surviving spouse.

To claim the credit, the veteran or un-remarried surviving spouse must first obtain verification of his or her eligibility for the credit from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). If eligible, WDVA will issue a certificate verifying eligibility to claim the credit. The credit is claimed by submitting a copy of this certificate with the Wisconsin income tax return for the first year that the credit is eligible to be claimed.

If the deadline for claiming the credit for a tax year is approaching, and WDVA is reviewing the eligibility for that year, a request for an extension of the time to file a claim for the tax credit can be made to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR). The request for an extension must provide the following information:

- Full name
- Residential mailing address
- SSN or ITIN
- Date eligibility determination requested from WDVA
- Tax years applicable to eligibility determination

Send requests to, or contact DOR with questions at:

EMAIL: DORIncome@wisconsin.gov

PHONE: (608) 266-2486

MAIL: MS 5-144
Wisconsin Department of Revenue
Attn: Veteran's Credit
PO Box 8906
Madison, WI 53708-8906

Example: The credit must be claimed within four (4) years of the un-extended due date of the Wisconsin income tax return. For example, the 2018 Wisconsin income tax return was due April 15, 2019. If WDVA determines eligibility to claim the credit for 2018, the claim must be submitted by April 15, 2023. If WDVA does not make a final determination on eligibility status in time to file a claim for the credit by April 15, 2023, a claim for the 2018 tax year credit can no longer be filed. However, if a request for an extension is made with DOR before April 15, 2023, the deadline may be extended for claiming the credit for the 2018 tax year until the final determination is made from WDVA.

Additional information about the tax credit can be found at <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/benefitsClaims/Financial-Tax-Benefits.aspx> or <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/1122vptc-ext.pdf>.